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Sir:

This responds to the October 18, 2007 Final Office Action in the above-identified application.

The time for responding to the October 18, 2007 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or December 18, 2007. Therefore this response is timely filed.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the October 18, 2007 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments to the claims, and the ensuing remarks in **Section II (Remarks)**, beginning on page 5 hereof, is respectfully requested.

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